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Merriweather Post

Columbia, MD. 301-982-1800. No Metro access nearby.

Tour Companies

Tourmobile

Authorized by the National Park Service. Narrated tours with unlimited reboarding privileges. Tickets available at Union Station and other locations or from driver. Adults, \$12; children, \$6. June 15 - Labor Day, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; otherwise 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 202-554-7950

Old Town Trolley

Narrated tours with unlimited reboarding privileges within a full loop. Tickets available at Union Station and other locations. Begins daily at 9 a.m. Adults, \$20; children (4-12), \$11. 301-985-3020.

Woodlawn Plantation

9000 Richmond Highway, Mount Vernon, VA. Home of Eleanor Custis and Lawrence Lewis, Martha Washington's granddaughter and George Washington's nephew. 703-780-4000. No Metro access nearby.

Theatres

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

On the Potomac waterfront in northwest Washington, D.C. Tours daily 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors should go to Motor Lobby A, Parking Level A. 202-416-8000 for information, 202-416-8340 for tours. Metro - Foggy Bottom/George Washington University.

Ford's Theatre

10th St. between E and F Sts, NW. Site of President Lincoln's assassination. Self-guided tours daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guides give talks hourly. 202-426-6924. Metro - Archives/Navy Memorial.

National Theatre

E St NW between 13th and 14th Sts. NW. 202-628-6161. Metro - Metro Center

Warner Theatre

1299 Pennsylvania Ave NW (at 13th and E Sts NW). 202-783-4000. Metro - Metro Center

Venues

George Mason University Patriot Center

George Mason University Campus, Fairfax, VA. 703-993-3000. No Metro access nearby.

Nissan Pavilion

7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, VA. 703-754-6400. No Metro access nearby.

Wolf Trap

1624 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA. 703-255-1900. Metro - West Falls Church (shuttle bus from Metro to Wolf Trap).

Amusement Parks

Adventure World

Largo, MD (15 miles east of Washington, D.C.). Open daily at 10:30 a.m. through Labor Day. Admission - Adult (9-61), \$24.99, Children (4-8), \$17.99, Seniors (62+), \$17.99. 301-249-1500.

Busch Gardens

Williamsburg, VA (150 miles south of Washington, D.C.). Opens 10 a.m. daily. Admission - Adults, \$31.50; Children (3-6), \$24.50; Seniors (55+), \$28.35. 757-253-3350.

Paramount's Kings Dominion

Doswell, VA (75 miles south of Washington, D.C.). Open daily late May through August. Admission - Adult (7-54), \$29.95; Children (3-6), \$21.95; Seniors (55+), \$24.95. 804-876-5000.

Athletic Teams

Baltimore Orioles

333 West Camden St, Baltimore, MD 21201. Major League Baseball - American League. Ticket info: 410-685-9800. No Metro service nearby.

D.C. United

RFK Stadium, East Capitol Street. Major League Soccer. Ticket info: 703-478-6600. Metro - Stadium/Armory.

Washington Capitals

MCI Center between 6th & 7th, F & G Sts NW. National Hockey League. Metro - Gallery Place/Chinatown.

Washington Redskins

Jack Kent Cooke Stadium, 1600 Raljon Rd, Raljon MD 20785. National Football League. Ticket info: 202-530-1900. No Metro access nearby.

Washington Wizards

USAir Arena, One Harry S. Truman Dr, Landover, MD. National Basketball Association. Ticket info: 301-622-3865.

Monuments, Federal and Historic Buildings

Arlington National Cemetery

In Arlington, Virginia. Open daily October - March, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April - September, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every half-hour, April - October; every hour, November - March. 703-692-0931. Adults - \$3, Children - \$1.50. Metro - Arlington Cemetery

Bureau of Printing and Engraving

14th and C Streets SW. Where paper money and stamps are printed. Tour tickets available during the morning hours, distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is free. Tours are 25 minutes. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays. Tickets required March - September. 202-874-3019. Metro - Smithsonian

U.S. Capitol

Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Tours daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Thanksgiving Day. 202-225-6827. Metro - Capitol South or Union Station.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

E Street between 9th St. and 10th St. NW. Fingerprinting and firearms demonstrations and exhibits. Open Monday - Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. One-hour tours begin approximately every 20 minutes. 202-FBI-3447. Metro - Metro Center

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) Memorial

Ohio Dr. SW, near the Tidal Basin. Open daily 8 a.m. to Midnight. 202-426-6841. No Metro service nearby.

Jefferson Memorial

South Bank of the Potomac Tidal Basin in southwest Washington, D.C. Open daily 8 a.m. to midnight. Pedal boats available for rent at the boathouse from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Metro - Smithsonian

Library of Congress

First Street and Independence Ave. SE. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed. One-

Smithsonian Castle (the administrative offices)

10th St. and Jefferson Ave. SW. Metro - Smithsonian

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenburg Place (formerly 15th St.) SW. Free admission, but tickets required. Same-day tickets distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the 14th St. SW entrance beginning at 9 a.m. 202-488-0400. Metro - Smithsonian.

Plantations

Claude Moore Colonial Farm

6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA. A re-creation of a typical common farm prior to 1774. 703-442-7557. No Metro access nearby.

Gunston Hall

Mason Neck, Virginia. Home of George Mason, author of the Bill of Rights. Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. 703-550-9220. No Metro access nearby.

Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon, VA. Home of President George Washington. April through August from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; March, September, October from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; November through February from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adults, \$ 8; Senior Citizens, age 62 and above (with identification), \$7.50; Children age 6 through 11 (accompanied by an adult), \$4; Children age 5 and under FREE (accompanied by an adult); Annual Pass (unlimited admission for one year) - \$12.00. 703-780-2000. No Metro access nearby.

Monticello

Charlottesville, VA. Home of President Thomas Jefferson. Open March 1 - October 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 1 - February 28, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission - Children under 6, free; Ages 6-11, \$5.00; Ages 12 & older, \$9.00; Senior Citizens (age 62+), \$8.00. 804-984-9822. No Metro access nearby.

Sully Plantation

3601 Sully Road, Chantilly, VA. Home of Richard Lee, northern Virginia's first Congressman. Open daily March - December. 703-437-1794. No Metro access nearby.

Free admission. 1-888-639-7386 (toll free). Metro - Rosslyn

Smithsonian Institution

Each of the following museums are open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The National Air and Space Museum is open until 6:30 p.m. June 13 through Labor Day. Information on special events recorded daily. 202-357-2020 for recording, 202-357-2700.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

10th St. and Independence Ave. SW. Metro - Smithsonian

Arts and Industries Building

9th St. and Jefferson Ave. SW. Metro - Smithsonian

Freer Gallery of Art

12th St. and Jefferson Ave. SW. Metro - Smithsonian

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Independence Ave. at 7th St. SW. Metro - L'Enfant Plaza

National Air and Space Museum

7th St. and Independence Ave. SW. Metro - L'Enfant Plaza

National Museum of African Art

9th St. and Independence Ave. SW. Metro - Smithsonian

National Museum of American Art

9th and G Streets NW. Metro - Gallery Place/Chinatown

National Museum of American History

14th St. and Constitution Ave. NW. Metro - Federal Triangle

National Museum of Natural History

Constitution Ave. at 10th St. NW. Metro - Archives/Navy Memorial

National Portrait Gallery

8th and F Streets NW. Metro - Gallery Place/Chinatown

Renwick Gallery

17th St. at Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Metro - Farragut West

hour tours Monday - Friday, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Groups of ten or more must call ahead. Video program every 30 minutes. 202-707-5458. Metro - Capitol South.

Lincoln Memorial

West end of the National Mall near 23rd St. NW and Memorial Bridge. Daily, 8 a.m. to midnight. Metro - Arlington Cemetery

National Cathedral

Wisconsin and Massachusetts Ave.'s NW. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 202-537-6207. No Metro service nearby.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

E St NW between 4th and 5th Sts. NW. Open 24 hours daily. 202-737-3400. Metro - Judiciary Square.

U.S. Naval Observatory

Massachusetts Ave. at 34th St. NW. Ninety-minute tour Mondays at 8:30 p.m. Arrive before 7:30 p.m. Free, but limited to the first 90 people. Grounds include the home of the Vice President of the United States. 202-653-1507. No Metro service nearby.

The Pentagon

Arlington, Virginia. Headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense. Free tours every half-hour starting at 9:30 a.m., April 1 through Labor Day; hourly starting at 9 a.m. otherwise. Tours last 90 minutes. Every person 16 years or older must have a valid photo identification card (drivers license, passport, or U.S. Government ID). 703-695-1776. Metro - Pentagon.

Supreme Court

First Street and Maryland Ave. NE. Open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. Public lectures in the Courtroom every hour on the half-hour, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., except when court is in session. 202-479-3211. Metro - Capitol South or Union Station.

Treasury Department

15th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Displays of money, both real and counterfeit. Tours on Saturday only. Reservations and valid photo

identification required. 202-622-0896. Metro - McPherson Square.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

On the National Mall near Bacon Drive and Constitution Ave. NW. Open daily 8 a.m. to midnight. Metro - Arlington Cemetery.

Washington Monument

On the National Mall at 15th St. NW. Open daily 8 a.m. to midnight, April 13 - Labor Day; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. otherwise. Tours of interior staircase at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. 202-426-6841. Metro - Smithsonian.

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Public tours every Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a.m. at the Ellipse, south of The White House grounds. 202-456-7041 for recording, 202-456-1414 for information. Metro - McPherson Square.

Union Station

50 Massachusetts Ave. NE. Beautifully restored Amtrak train station, shopping, and large food court. 202-371-9441. Metro - Union Station.

Museums

Botanical Garden

First St. SW and Maryland Ave. SW. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 202-225-8333. Metro - Federal Center Southwest

Capital Children's Museum

800 Third St NE. Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 202-675-4149. Metro - Union Station

Corcoran Museum

17th St NW at New York Ave. NW. Open Wednesday - Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday open until 9 p.m., except Thanksgiving. Closed Tuesdays, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission - suggested contributions of \$3 for individuals, \$1 for senior citizens and students, \$5 for families. Children under 12 are free. 202-639-1700. Metro - Farragut West.

National Aquarium

14th St. between Constitution Ave. and D St. NW in the U.S. Department of Commerce building. Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults, \$2; children, \$.75. Closed Christmas day. 202-482-2825 for recording, 202-482-2826 for information. Metro - Federal Triangle

National Archives

Constitution Ave. at 7th St. NW. Original copies of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution on display. Open daily, April 1 - Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; otherwise, Monday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ninety minute tours, Monday - Friday at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., please call in advance. 202-501-5205. Metro - Archives/Navy Memorial.

National Building Museum

401 F St NW (between 4th and 5th Sts. NW). Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday Noon - 4 p.m. Free admission. 202-272-2448. Metro - Union Station.

National Gallery of Art

Constitution Ave. NW between 3rd and 7th Sts. NW (on the National Mall). Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 11 to 6 p.m. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day. 202-737-4215. Metro - Archives/Navy Memorial.

National Museum of Women in the Arts

1250 New York Ave NW (between G and H Sts. NW). Open Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m. Admission - suggested donation of \$3 at the door. 202-783-5000. Metro - Metro Center.

National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Ave. NW. Grounds open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., buildings open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (shorter hours during the winter months). Admission is free, fee for parking. 202-673-4800. Metro - Woodley Park/Zoo.

The Newseum

1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. Open Wednesday - Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.